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CLAIMS FIFTY-TWO NOT ENROLLED

MAKES PUBLIC REPORT OF COMMISSIONER WRIGHT

EFFORT TO REOPEN ROLLS.

Inmates of Orphan Asylums And Many Minors and Freedmen Are Among Those Seeking to be Enrolled.

Washington, Sept. 14.—The commissioner of Indian affairs has made public a report made to him by J. George Wright, commissioner to the Five Civilized tribes, under date of November 15, 1907, concerning fifty-two members of the five tribes who should have been, but were not, included in the citizenship rolls of those tribes and to whom land should have been, but was not, allotted under the general congressional enactment for such enrollment and allotment. These data are important to the claimants, and already the attorneys of many of them have exerted themselves to gain access to the document, but hitherto without success.

The report has been guarded because of the difficulties standing in the way of reopening the rolls, for it is realized that if another opportunity is offered, many Indians whose claims are not so clear nor so meritorious as the fifty-two will seek to have themselves included in the favored lists. There are quite a number in addition to those who make claim to citizenship, including many disaffected fullbloods and some inmates of orphan asylums whose cases were not thoroughly investigated by the commission. It is considered probable that there will be an effort to have congress or the courts reopen the rolls. The Indian bureau has not determined upon any recommendation as to the course to be pursued.

Many of the fifty-two cases covered by the Wright report are those of minor children and freedmen.

D. G. Huddleson, of the Hohman Oil company, is quite sick at his home at Chelsen and Dr. Louis Bagby was called there to see him Saturday night.

BRYAN ENDORSES IRRIGATION PLAN

Writes That he is Much in Sympathy With Reclamation of our Arid Lands

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 14.—William J. Bryan, democratic candidate for president, in a letter to Colonel W. S. Hopewell, Chairman of the Board of Control, gives his endorsement of the Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress, Albuquerque, N. M., September 29—October 10, as follows: "I thank you for the invitation to the Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress and regret exceedingly that it will be impossible for me to attend. I need not assure you that I am in hearty sympathy with every effort that has been, or can be, put forth for the reclamation of our arid lands. While I have been investigating irrigation in this country for nearly twenty years and have examined some of the plants of the old world, I think I was never more impressed by the possibilities of irrigation than I was when I visited southern Idaho last year after an absence of ten years. The marvelous change that water has wrought in the deserts along the Snake river can hardly be described in words.

I hope you will send me the proceedings of the convention, that I may profit by the information gathered by those who will assemble at Albuquerque."

The Taylor-Brown Bros. band made a decided hit on the street today. If the show is as good as the band it will be a winner.

BIG MASS MEETING AT COMMERCIAL CLUB ROOM

There will be a mass meeting of all citizens of Vinita tonight at the commercial club rooms to consider the proposition to buy the plant of the Vinita Gas Company. As this is one of the greatest projects ever promoted for Vinita it is hoped that a large attendance will be present.

TEXAN APPROVES GUARANTY LAW.

Texas Will Pass Similar Law at Next Session of The State Legislature.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 14.—A special dispatch to the Dallas News from Austin says:

Augustine De Zavalla, one of the state bank examiners, returned from various points in Oklahoma Friday morning, where he had been making for the department an investigation relative to the various phases of the Oklahoma bank guaranty law. Mr. De Zavalla spent the day conferring with the department of banking here and with the attorney general's department. He says the operation of the law in Oklahoma has been very satisfactory and his findings have been that the bank guaranty law is successful.

The next legislature of Texas will probably be asked to pass a bank guaranty law, such a measure being one of the laws recommended in the platform. Mr. De Zavalla will suggest some features with reference to the law from his investigation in Oklahoma. He says the law in Oklahoma has tended toward strengthening the state banks of Oklahoma. A large national bank in Enid surrendered its national character and took out a state charter. This he thinks will be the effect in some instances in Texas, should the bank guaranty measure become a law.

POLICE CATCH FIVE EAST SIDE CRAP SHOOTERS

The police yesterday raided a dive on the east side and caught four negroes and one white man enjoying a game of craps. The officers took the gamblers before Judge Barrett this morning and each of them contributed \$12. to the city. In all there were twelve cases in police court this morning, the other seven cases being for drunks and prostitutes.

GEM RESTAURANT SOLD SATURDAY TO JULIUS PAYNE

The New Gem restaurant was sold Saturday night to Julius Payne, who will conduct a first class eating house. Mr. Payne went to Joplin this morning to secure some experienced help for his dining room. He will now put in a full line of fish and oysters and prepare to serve everything in the way of short orders.

CANDIDATE HIGSEN WILL TOUR UNITED STATES.

New York, Sept. 14.—It was announced Saturday that Thomas L. Higsen, the Independence party candidate for President will tour the United States. He will start to-morrow and will go from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast and back before election time. The candidate will deliver forty speeches in twenty-five states. He will be accompanied on the trip, which will cover about 10,000 miles, by William R. Heust, who will also make a number of speeches.

STATE UNIVERSITY OPENS ITS 16TH YEAR TOMORROW

First Session Under New President, A. Grant Evans--Enrollment Expected to Exceed One Thousand--Great Increase in Attendance From East Side Expected as Result of Statehood--Students Already Arriving.

Norman, Okla., Sept. 14.—With the opening of the state university tomorrow, and the sixteenth opening since the foundation in 1893, a one thousand enrollment is predicted. Students from almost every county in the state are already in Norman selecting rooms and fifty professors are on hand ready for Tuesday's enrollment.

This week's opening marks the first year of Oklahoma university as a state university. Last year of the 790 students enrolled about 650 were from the Oklahoma side of the new state, and less than 150 from the Indian Territory side. As the varsity is now for the first time the head of the educational system of the east side as well as the west, it is believed that between 400 and 500 students will enter this week from the old Indian Territory. About 55 inquiries per day from the east side have been received for the past month.

President A. Grant Evans, who is entering upon his first efficient administration, both as a college president and as head of the preparatory school, was for ten years president of Henry Kendall college, and during that time the school progressed from little more than a preparatory school to the leading institution of the east side of the state. He comes to the headship of the university with a record 30 years' successful teaching in England and America.

There has been considerable anxiety as to the ability of the authorities to provide class rooms for this year's enrollment, owing to the burning of the main building last year. A new recita-

KLINFELTER CASE IS STILL CHIEF ATTRACTION

The Klinefelter trial is still on at Brackett's park and continues to be the chief attraction of the week. This morning a host of women went to the Brackett place to hear the finish of this trial. It is said that a new jury may be empaneled on account of inability of the present jurors to be at trial

GOVERNOR NAMES CRIMINAL JUDGES

Doyle and Furman Both Get Appointments--Court Meets Today to Organize

Guthrie, Ok., Sept. 14.—Thomas H. Doyle of Perry and H. G. Baker of Muskogee were appointed Saturday by Governor Haskell to be members of the criminal court of appeals. Henry Furman the third member was appointed a day or two ago. The official salary is \$3,000 a year and the tenure until 1911. The court will meet and organize today. Furman was defeated for the democratic primary nomination to the United States Senate by Robert L. Owen a year ago and Doyle was an unsuccessful candidate against Governor Haskell for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. Baker came to Oklahoma from Defiance, O., about six years ago.

John J. Carney of El Reno, who was believed to be in line for the judgeship given to Doyle, has been appointed judge in the Fourteenth district to succeed the late Judge Lowe of El Reno, who died of heart disease at Piedmont several days ago.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RE-OPENED TODAY

ENROLLMENT AT NOON WAS MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED

NEW TEXT BOOKS TO BE USED

Every Room in Building Filled With Eager Students--Sixth Grade Leads Other Classes in Enrollment

Four hundred and seventy four smiling faces greeted the teachers in the public schools at the opening of the fall term in Vinita this morning. This attendance was hardly as large as was expected, but before the week is out the enrollment is expected to far exceed that of last year.

This is the first term under the new school laws, and the first with the text books stipulated by the state. Many of the old books were discarded and the students will find considerable work, not unamixed with pleasure, in familiarizing themselves with their new books.

Although this was the first day, every room in the school building was taxed to its capacity to hold the eager pupils.

In the enrollment by grades the sixth grade leads with an enrollment of 45. The fourth A class was second with 44, and the primary and first grades have 43 and 40 respectively.

The following is the enrollment by grades up to noon:

Primary, 43; 1st. grade, 40; 2nd. grade, A class, 22; 2nd. grade, B class, 28; 3rd grade, A class, 35; B class, 30; 4th grade, A class, 44; B class, 27. Fifth grade, A class, 25; B class, 39. Sixth grade, 45; 7th grade, 32; 8th grade, 25; High school, 30; total, 474.

The M., K. & T. railroad company has altered sixty stations in the state of Oklahoma to comply with the law requiring separate waiting rooms to be provided for whites and negroes in all depots.

WATTERSON BRANDS LETTER AS A FAKE

Story Had Been Offered to Three Newspapers Before Accepted

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 14.—Henry Watterson brands the letter recently published as having been written by President Cleveland just before his death, as a fake. He says, "I think the letter was a fake. I do not believe that Mr. Cleveland wrote it, and I am now having the matter investigated by persons who were friends of Mr. Cleveland, who believe with me that the alleged letter was a fake."

Colonel Watterson, while in New York, ascertained the story had been offered three papers, all of which refused—two because policies did not permit so violent abuse of newspaper ethics, one because the editor believed the article was written by the party offering it for sale.

Hillary Herbert, cabinet officer under President Cleveland, said the news that Mrs. Indersoll was trying to talk with her husband in spiritland was as valuable as the alleged letter of Cleveland, and added that under no circumstances could the deceased leader's friends believe Mr. Cleveland ever contemplated voting for a Republican of the Taft idea of government, declaring his agreement with Forester that Cleveland would have soon supported Hearst.

ARKANSAS VOTES TODAY ON PROHIBITION QUESTION.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 14.—At the general election in this state today, state, congressional and county officers will be selected, and the question determined as to whether liquor license shall be continued to be issued in the present "wet" counties.

Great interest is felt in the vote as to prohibition. At present sixty-five counties are "dry" and both the prohibition and anti-prohibition forces say they will be victorious. The campaign has been the most spirited in the history of the state.

H. M. Morgan and wife, of Muskogee were in the city this afternoon.



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